

Ecosystem restoration for development



Project Title	Ecosystem restoration for development
Project Summary	Conduct research on case studies of ecosystem restoration in the scientific literature as well as synthesize examples of ecosystem restoration in past and current USAID and other development programming. Collaboratively develop useful materials for USAID programming on ecosystem restoration.
Country	United States
Country/Region of Focus	Global

Project Description

Protection of ecosystems and natural resources is essential to achieving sustained development outcomes. Unfortunately, many countries with forest- and other ecosystem-dependent communities and peoples are experiencing high rates of natural ecosystem conversion to other land uses and losses of critical ecosystem functions such as climate change mitigation and adaptation, biodiversity provisioning, watershed protection, and more. Ecosystem restoration is now recognized as an important tool that should be used in conjunction with protection in order to achieve many natural resource management goals, especially climate mitigation. The intern will collaborate with staff in the Office of Global Climate Change (GCC) to achieve an evidence-based understanding of restoration in an academic and development context, with the opportunity to develop useful materials to guide USAID programming in restoration, especially for achieving climate mitigation goals in the land sector.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)

Analytical writing

Data analysis

Research

Storytelling/blogging/vlogging

Additional Information

Ideal applicants should be working towards a degree in ecology, environmental science, natural resources, or similar sectors, and have experience in climate change and land use change. Should be comfortable researching and reading primary scientific literature. Graduate students preferred.

Language Requirements

None